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NPDES Inspection Report

Draper Valley Farm 105

Everson, Washington

February 3, 2011

Prepared by:
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Office of Compliance and Enforcement
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(Unless otherwise noted, all details in this inspection report were obtained from conversations with Jeff Power or Walter Constanza or from observations during the inspection.

I. Facility Information

Facility Name:

Draper Valley Farm 105

Facility Type:

Poultry Fryer Operation (SIC 0251, NAICS 112320)

Facility Address:

6183 Siper Road

Everson, Washington 88247

Whatcom County

Mailing Address:

Draper Valley Farms Corporate Offices P.O. Box 838

1000 Jason Lane

Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

Facility Phone #s:

(b) (6) (Jeff Power)

(b) (6) (David Wilson)

Facility Contact(s):

Jeff Power, Vice President and General Manager

David Wilson, Live Production Manager Walter Constanza, Farm Supervisor

II. Inspection Information

Inspection Date:

February 3, 2011

Arrival Time:

9:15 AM

Departure Time:

12:00 PM

Weather:

Rain

Purpose:

Determination of compliance with the Clean Water Act

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III. Permit Information

This facility is not currently covered by an NPDES permit.

IV. Background and Activity

The inspection of this facility is part of EPA Region 10's concentrated animal feeding operation initiative.

This facility is a poultry fryer operation that houses chickens in seven confinement areas (buildings). The confinement areas consist of three 40ft by 350ft buildings (which are each divided into two separate confinement areas) and one 40ft by 200ft building.

The typical cycle at this facility is to bring chickens in soon after they hatch (approximately one day old). These chickens are confined, fed, and maintained for 46 days which is when they are ready to be harvested.

Once the 46 day old chickens are removed from the facility, the confinement buildings remain vacant for approximately two weeks for cleaning and maintenance. During this two week period, litter is removed from the buildings and the buildings are cleaned in preparation for the next batch of chickens. This cycle of 46 days of animal confinement plus approximately 14 days for cleaning and maintenance is repeated throughout the year.

See attachments A and B for details on facility components at this facility.

V. Individuals Present

The inspectors present throughout this inspection included Joe Roberto (EPA) and Kristin McNeill (EPA).

The facility representatives present at the time of the inspection included Jeff Power and Walter Constanza.

VI. Inspection Entry

This was an unannounced inspection.

Upon arriving at the facility I spoke to (b) (6) who identified himself as the owner of the property. I indicated to (b) (6) that the purpose of my visit was to

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As suggested, I contacted Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson made arrangements for facility representatives to meet us at the site. Approximately 45 minutes after my phone discussion with Mr. Wilson, I met with Jeff Power and Walter Constanza who accompanied us throughout the inspection.

Ms. McNeill and I presented our credentials to Mr. Power.

We were not denied access to the facility. We inspected all areas of the facility that we wished to inspect.

VII. Inspection Chronology

Upon arriving at the facility we began the inspection with an opening conference where we discussed the purpose and expectations of the inspection. We then conducted a facility tour where we inspected the confinement area and waste storage facilities. We concluded the inspection with a closing conference where we discussed the findings of the inspection.

VIII. Owner and Operator Information

According to Mr. Power, the property is owned by (b) (6) who lease the property to Draper Valley Holdings, LLC (the current operator).

IX. Number of Animals

According to Mr. Power, this facility currently houses approximately 95,000 poultry fryers.

X. Presence of Vegetation in the Confinement Areas

The confinement areas (poultry buildings) at this facility consist of buildings with dirt floors topped with approximately six inches of litter. I did not see any vegetation in any of the confinement areas. See photograph #3 of attachment B for a view of the confinement area floor.

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XI. Length of Animal Confinement

As indicated above, chickens are brought to this facility from the time they are one day old until they are harvested at approximately 46 days old. Once the chickens are removed from the buildings, it takes approximately two weeks to clean and prepare the building to receive another set of chickens. As indicated above, this animal confinement and cleaning and maintenance cycle is repeated throughout the year.

XII. Waste Management Process

Waste generated at this facility is mainly from the chickens confined in the poultry buildings. The waste is accumulated in the poultry buildings beginning on the day that the chickens arrive at the facility and continues to accumulate until the day the chickens are harvested 46 days later.

Once the chickens are removed from the buildings, several inches of manure and litter is removed. The manure and litter is scraped and loaded into trucks and transported offsite to be composted. This material is sent to a composting company called High Octane located in Tangent, Oregon.

Another source of waste at this facility is material contained in the composting shed used to compost dead chickens. This composted material is also loaded into trucks and transported to High Octane for composting.

Mr. Power said that all the waste generated at this facility is exported offsite.

See attachments A and B for details of the waste management system.

XIII. Observed Discharge

I did not see wastewater from this facility enter waters of the United States at the time of the inspection.

XIV. Sample Collection and Analyses

Samples were not collected at the time of this inspection.

XV. Areas of Concern

We inspected the facility including the confinement areas and the waste handling system. I did not see any areas of concern at the time of this inspection.

XVI. Closing Conference

We concluded the inspection with a closing conference. The individuals present for the closing conference were Jeff Power and Walter Constanza. I indicated that I did not observe any areas of concern at the time of the inspection and I thanked them for their time.

Report Completion Date:

Lead Inspector Signature:

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ATTACHMENT A

Aerial Photograph



Aerial Photograph of Draper Valley Farm 105 Copied from Google Earth

ATTACHMENT B

Photograph Documentation

All photographs were taken by Joe Roberto on February 3, 2011.



Photo #1: Easterly view along the north side of the northernmost confinement building.



Photo #2: Easterly view between two of the long confinement buildings.



Photo #3: View inside one of the confinement buildings. The chickens in this photograph were approximately 35 days old at the time of the inspection.



Photo #4: View of the compost shed where dead animals are composted.